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NEWS AND COMMENT.

A RURAL free delivery has been established in Montgomery county.

SYLVAN B. BALWIN, who has participated in various Arctic expeditions, will undertake another voyage to reach the pole in 1901.

RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State during the Cleveland Administration, has declared his intentions of supporting Bryan for President.

GEORGE W. MOORE, a prominent merchant of Jackson, Miss., while insane, poisoned his wife and two children and then killed himself.

THE Democratic Executive Committee, of Hickman county, has reorganized by electing W. V. Powers, Chairman, and W. P. Russell, Secretary.

GOV. MOUNT has notified the National Republican Committee that he can not promise to speak outside of Indiana. He says he is needed at home.

SENATOR PROCTOR, of Vermont, attributes the loss in the Republican vote in Vermont to the return of the gold Democrats to the regular Democratic fold.

GEORGE THOMPSON, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Springfield, Ky., left his home to hunt squirrels. When found after an all night search he had blown off his head with his shotgun. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide.

VICE-CHAIRMAN Payne of the Republican National Committee, says he believes there is more disaffection among the Democrats in Kentucky than in 1896, and as matters now stand he thinks the Republicans have a fighting chance in that State.

THE Republicans are making extensive preparations for their campaign in Tennessee, and will start the ball rolling at once by sending out about a car-load of campaign literature, received at Nashville headquarters a day or two ago from the National Committee.

AIDED by the monthly crop report, which shows a decrease in percentage, together with the destructive storms in Texas, the price of cotton has taken a big jump. On the New York exchange yesterday, September cotton sold up to 10.50c, as against 9.50c Saturday night.

THE returns from the State election in Maine show a gain of 18 per cent. in the Democratic vote and a Republican loss of 11 per cent., as compared with the vote cast four years ago. On this basis it is figured that the Republican majority in that State this year will be about 32,878.

THERE has been a great shift to Bryan during the past ten days, and the developments are most gratifying to the Democrats. The letters of Messrs. Olney and Wilson are having much effect upon the gold Democrats, and the Democratic leaders are counting New York in the Bryan column.

JUSTICE WILLIAM GRADY, of Pratt City, Ala., a well-known Irish leader and a prominent politician, has been incarcerated in the jail at Birmingham by order of Judge Chas. S. Swayne of the Federal Court, the sentence being ten days in jail and \$25 fine for contempt of court.

HON. JAMES C. R. MC CALL, Secretary of the State Republican Executive Committee, has been appointed by his brother, Nominee John E. McCall, as Chairman of the Republican State Campaign Committee. He will succeed Hon. A. M. Tillman, who retires from the committee for the reason that he is a Federal office holder.

MR. JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS has resigned the position of chief editorial writer on the staff of the Atlanta Constitution, which he held for many years and filled with distinguished ability. Mr. Harris was impelled to give up journalism by the desire to devote his entire time to purely literary work.

THE hurricane foretold by the Weather Bureau struck New Orleans, destroying Metairie bridge and killing a child. At Bura, just below the city, two men were drowned. About thirty miles south of Miami, Fla., two vessels were driven ashore, and it is feared the crews went overboard. Considerable damage was done at West Palm Beach.

A SCENE OF DESOLATION.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property and Thousands of Lives Lost at Galveston, Texas.

MUCH DESTRUCTION AT OTHER POINTS.

What the Storm Did for Pat Joyce, and He is Only One of Hundreds Who Have Lost Their All—Systematic Efforts for Relief Have Been Begun.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 11.—A scene of desolation and death, not only at Galveston, but at many inland points in Texas, is the condition presented as a result of Saturday's storm.

Estimates of the number of dead are placed between 1,500 and 2,000. The property loss will aggregate many millions of dollars, although no accurate figures can be given at present. The streets of Galveston are mostly under water, wires in a hopeless tangle, and dead bodies are thickly strewn among floating debris. No complete list of dead is obtainable until the water recedes.

Harrowing Tales. Harrowing tales of the loss of whole families, and many miraculous escapes are told by the few survivors who have thus far reached this city. The relief trains which have arrived here are the only means of communication with storm-swept Galveston, and definite information as to the present situation is scarce.

Crops Destroyed. The cotton and rice crop throughout the district devastated by the storm is badly damaged, in many places, and in others totally destroyed.

Reports from Richmond, Texas City, Letitia and Eagle Lake bring additional lists of dead and property losses, and many places cut off from all communication are yet to be heard from.

A Correspondent's Report.

New Orleans, Sept. 11.—The following message was received from Mr. Hays, a newspaper correspondent well known throughout the south:

"Houston, Tex.—I have just arrived from Galveston by boat. Storm destroyed ten millions of property and 1,500 lives lost. National aid asked for."

THE STORM AT RICHMOND.

There Are Few Houses in the Town that Escaped Damage.

Richmond, Tex., Sept. 11.—The most terrific storm that has ever visited this section of the state has swept this town, and there are but a few houses that are not damaged. Many buildings were demolished. The court house was greatly damaged. The Baptist church is a total wreck, while the Methodist church is almost destroyed. Three lives were lost in the colored Baptist church, Henry Ransom and two children, colored; one person was killed at Booth and four lives were lost at Peasly.

DAMAGE AT EAGLE LAKE.

Many Buildings Demolished and Crops Ruined.

Eagle Lake, Tex., Sept. 11.—Three churches, together with many houses, were completely blown to pieces.

The rice crop and the pecan crop are ruined. The cotton crop is nearly ruined, the cane crop is considerably damaged. The loss to this community from the storm is estimated by the most conservative citizens, at \$250,000. No lives were lost here, but the town of East Bernard has been blown away and three persons were killed.

Letitia a Wreck.

Brookshire, Tex., Sept. 11.—Letitia is a wreck. The houses which stood in the place, including the depot, have been blown to the ground, and the timber from some of them, carried for miles. Mrs. Sophia Schultz was killed. She was 73 years old. Mrs. Amelia Qunde was fatally injured.

PAT JOYCE'S EXPERIENCE.

All He Held Dear on Earth Swept Away by the Flood.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 11.—Among the refugees which the Galveston, Houston & Henderson train picked up at Lamarque, which is about four and a half miles south of Virginia Point, was Pat Joyce, who resided in the west end of Galveston. Joyce is in the employ of the construction department of the Southern Pacific.

Rain Began Saturday.

"It began raining in Galveston Saturday morning, early," said he. "About nine o'clock work was discontinued by the company, and I left for home. I got there about 11 o'clock, and found about three feet of water in the yard. It began to get worse and worse, the water getting higher and the wind blowing a gale. Finally the house was entirely demolished. People all around me

were endeavoring to find places of safety, and shrieking in despair.

Nine Families in the House.

"There were nine families in the house, which was a large two-story frame, and of the 50 people residing there, myself and niece were the only ones who could get away. I managed to make a raft of driftwood or wreckage and got on it, going with the tide. Suddenly the raft struck some wreckage, and my niece was knocked out of my arms. I could not save her, and had to see her drown. On and On With the Tide.

"The raft was carried on, and on with the tide, continually striking wreckage, throwing me from my feet until my body was black and blue from bruises. The wind was blowing at a terrific rate. I drifted and swam all night, not knowing where I was going or in what direction. About three o'clock in the morning I began to feel the hard ground until I came to a house, and there a person gave me some clothes.

Lost All He Had on Earth.

"I had lost most of mine soon after I started, and wore only a coat. I was in the water about seven hours. I have lost all I had in the world—relatives, home and all.

"The Miller residence, where I resided, was about three blocks from the gulf, and there were fully eight or ten feet of water in this district when I left. The wind was blowing Saturday afternoon and night about 75 miles an hour.

How Many Were Lost.

The people of Galveston at first kept within their houses, consequently when the water began dashing against the houses, completely wrecking them, many lives were lost. I have no idea how many were lost, but I think that there will be several thousand deaths reported. I was in the storm which struck Galveston in 1875, but that one, bad as it was, was nothing in comparison with Saturday's storm."

PREPARATIONS FOR RELIEF.

The Mayor of Houston Inaugurates Relief Measures.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 11.—At an informal meeting held at the police headquarters late Sunday night and presided over by Mayor Brashear, it was decided to dispatch a train over the International & Great Northern to Virginia Point at an early hour as supplies and volunteers could be provided and secured. It was to be composed as follows:

One company of firemen; one company of policemen and volunteers; one yawl from the city park and a lot of smaller craft belonging to the citizens of Houston will also be sent. Groceries will be sent from a number of wholesale and retail houses of the city. The matter of surgeons and medicines will be left to the selection of Dr. J. B. Massie, city health officer, who also accompanies to the party as chief surgeon.

Undertaking supplies are also to be furnished. Included with the above the mayor has sent out the following circular:

"The damage from the storm along the coast is reported as almost beyond description. Hundreds of lives are said to have been lost and many are destitute. A relief train is now being made up. I am impelled by these conditions to ask the merchants of the city to contribute supplies for temporary relief until organization can be effected. I will furnish transportation from stores to depot.

"S. H. BRASHEAR, Mayor.

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ASKED.

Gen. McKibbin Asked to Report on the Situation.

Washington, Sept. 11.—By direction of the president, Adj.-Gen. Corbin telegraphed Gen. McKibbin, the commanding officer of the department of Texas, asking him to report immediately upon the situation as affected by Saturday's storm, and especially as to the government property. The war department has one post, Fort San Jacinto, on Galveston island, manned by Co. O, of the First artillery.

Relief Measures at Denver.

Denver, Col., Sept. 11.—The following telegram has been sent to the Dallas (Tex.) News by the Denver Republicans:

"The Denver Republican has started a relief fund for Galveston with subscription of \$100, and will push movement with all possible vigor. Denver will respond vigorously."

For the Flood Sufferers.

New York, Sept. 11.—Jefferson Seligman, of J. & W. Seligman & Co., of this city, has contributed \$1,000 for the benefit of the sufferers by the Galveston floods. The firm will also act as an agent in receiving and forwarding contributions.

NATION WILL RENDER AID.

The National Government Will Supply Tents and Food.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The

dent received a telegram from Mr. Stillane, of Houston, Tex., in behalf of the mayor and citizens committee of Galveston, which, in a few words, gives to the president the general situation in Galveston and says that money, food and clothing are needed immediately; also that they must be furnished by the state and nation. He calls upon the president for aid. The president has replied stating that he had instructed the secretary of war to immediately furnish tents and provisions for the destitute people in Galveston and expressing his sympathy with the sufferers.

President McKinley also sent a telegram of sympathy to Gov. Sayers, in which he says that he will instruct the secretary of war to supply tents and provisions to the flood sufferers upon his request.

IT IS SIMPLY APPALLING.

The Loss of Life is Now Being Estimated at Ten Thousand.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 11.—Houston & Texas Central railroad officials have received bulletins from their general offices in Houston, that the loss of life will reach 3,000 in Galveston. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas relief forces near Galveston and along the coast telegraphed at noon that the loss of life will not be less than 5,000 and may reach 10,000.

HOUSTON, TEX., Sept. 9, 10 p. m.

The West India storm, which reached the gulf coast yesterday morning, has wrought sad havoc in Texas. Reports are conflicting, but it is known that an appalling disaster has visited the city of Galveston, where, it is reported, a thousand or more lives have been blotted out and a tremendous property damage incurred.

Message reports from Sabine Pass and Port Arthur also indicate a heavy loss of life, but those reports cannot be confirmed at this hour.

Escaped on a Schooner.

The first news reaching the city from the stricken city of Galveston was received at 9 o'clock to-night. James C. Timmins, who resides in Houston, and is the General Superintendent of the National Compress Company, arrived in the city at 8 o'clock to-night from Galveston. He was one of the first to reach here with tidings of the great disaster which has befallen that city, and the magnitude of the disaster remains to be told because of his endeavor to reach home.

After remaining through the hurricane on Saturday, he departed from Galveston on a schooner and came across the bay to Morgan's Point, where he caught a train for Houston. The hurricane, Mr. Timmins said, was the worst ever known. The estimates made by citizens of Galveston was that 4,000 houses, most of them residences, have been destroyed, and that at least 1,000 people have been drowned, killed or are missing. Some business houses were also destroyed, but most of them stood, though badly damaged.

Complete Wreck.

The city, Mr. Timmins avers, is a complete wreck, so far as he could see from the water front and from the Tremont Hotel. Water was blown over the island by the hurricane, the wind blowing at the rate of eighty miles an hour straight from the gulf and driving the sea water before it in big waves. The sea was a steady one, the heart of it striking the city about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continuing without intermission until midnight last night, when it abated somewhat, although it continued to blow all night.

Nine Killed in One House.

Of his own knowledge, Mr. Timmins knew of only one house succumbing with fatal results, though he heard of many residences being carried away with the inmates. The house that he saw destroyed was Ritter's saloon and restaurant at 2108 Strand, the principal house street of the city. A three-story building was blown down and nine men—prominent citizens—were killed.

It was reported that the Orphan Asylum and both the hospitals were destroyed, and, if this proves true, the loss of life will be great, as these institutions were generally crowded, and, as they were substantial buildings, the chances are that many had taken refuge in them.

Most of the small sailing craft was wrecked and was either piled up on the wharves or was floating bottom-side up at the bay.

The scenes during the storm, Mr. Timmins said, could not be described. Women and children were crowding into the Tremont Hotel, where he was seeking shelter, and all night these unfortunates were bemoaning their losses of kindred and fortune. They were grouped about the stairways and in the galleries and rooms of the hotels.

The water-works power-house was wrecked and a water famine is threatened, as the cisterns were all ruined by the overflow of salt water. This Mr. Timmins regards as the most serious problem to be faced now. The city is in darkness, the electric plant being among the institutions ruined.

Horrible Scenes.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Sept. 9.—Among the passengers who arrived here on a relief train from Galveston is Ben W. Dew, an attaché of the Southern Pacific. Dew had been at Virginia Point for some hours, and said that he saw 100 to 150 dead bodies floating out on the beach at that place. Conductor Powers reported that

MR. PADGETT THE NOMINEE.

He Received a Handsome Plurality

IN LAST SATURDAY'S PRIMARY.

Boyd, His Nearest Contestant, is from 1,400 to 1,500 Votes Behind Him.



"The hurly-burly's done, the battle's lost and won"—and Hon. L. P. Padgett of Maury, is the Democratic nominee for Congress from the Seventh Congressional district.

Saturday's primary was a battle royal. No Congressional race has ever attracted more interest—in Maury county, especially—than this one. The forces on each side arrayed all the strength they could command, and the fight was hot from the beginning to the end.

The large vote polled throughout the district is evidence of the great interest that was taken. The total vote cast in Maury county was 3,614, as against 2,091 in 1898, when there were five candidates in the race—Whithorne of Maury, Cox of Williamson, Grisby of Dixon, Ewing and Montague of Giles.

The complete returns from the district have not yet been reported, but enough has been received to show Mr. Padgett's election beyond the shadow of a doubt. Mr. Padgett's plurality over Mr. Boyd, his nearest opponent, it is estimated, will be between 1,200 and 1,500.

Complete returns have been received from Maury, Williamson and Dixon, and from Giles with the exception of one precinct. Only incomplete returns are obtainable from Lawrence, Lewis, Wayne and Hickman.

Mr. Padgett reached home Saturday morning, having closed his campaign in Giles county, and slept during the forenoon. Maj. Whithorne spent the day at the polls at Harlan & Croshaw's drug store.

The vote at the Franklin box in Williamson county was—Whithorne 142, Padgett 135, Boyd 85. Returns from the entire county show Padgett's plurality over Boyd to be 551, and his majority over both of his competitors, 10.

Lawrence County.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD: LAWRENCEBURG, Sept. 10.—Returns have been received from all the districts in this county except one, showing that Boyd's plurality over Padgett will be about 125.

Giles County.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD: PULASKI, Sept. 10.—All of the returns from Saturday's primary are in except the 4th district. The vote is as follows: Padgett, 1,308; Whithorne, 180; Boyd,

1,121. This gives Padgett a plurality over Boyd of 187. The 4th district, it is understood, will give Boyd a plurality over Padgett of 15, which will reduce Padgett's plurality to 172.

The district committee will meet this evening at Dickson to canvass the vote, and until then the official figures cannot be given. The complete unofficial returns from Maury county are as follows:

VOTING PLACE.	L. P. Padgett.	Frank Boyd.	W. J. Whithorne.
1 Kinderhook	98	1	1
2 Stanton's Shop	17	14	2
3 Leftwich Bridge	38	1	48
4 Park's Station	20	2	37
5 Glendale	52	6	62
6 Collioka	65	15	89
7 Southport	27	5	10
8 Highville	35	5	28
9 Court House	30	18	43
10 H. & C's Drug Store	28	2	180
11 Popular Top	26	2	51
12 Enterprise	21	28	28
13 Scott's Mill	21	13	49
14 Mt. Pleasant	59	16	153
15 Sandy Hook	8	36	3
16 Mt. Pleasant	63	10	152
17 Colliers' Mill	0	1	17
18 Williamport	16	2	24
19 Massey's Shop	6	1	20
20 Hampshire	42	8	3
21 Hampshire	21	30	13
22 Water Valley	24	3	7
23 Fike's Mill	43	3	14
24 Santa Fe	64	4	51
25 Gravel Hill	26	32	33
26 Timmons	42	6	64
27 Bear Creek	46	8	49
28 Spring Hill	40	13	70
29 Neapolis	14	8	28
30 Redron	24	74	10
31 Rock Spring	33	2	35
32 Rally Hill	46	30	27
Total	1286	356	1572

RECAPITULATION.—Whithorne's plurality over Padgett, 480; Whithorne's majority, 130; total vote cast, 3,614.

RESULT IN THE DISTRICT.

The following table shows the returns, so far as received, of the vote cast in the various counties of the Seventh Congressional District, in Saturday's Primary:

	PADGETT.	BOYD.	WHITHORNE.
Maury	1,386	356	1,872
Giles*	1,308	1,121	180
Lawrence*	400	560	175
Wayne*	20	417	12
Lewis*	32	232	49
Dickson	447	390	535
Williamson	1,124	573	541
Hickman†	761	415	146
Totals	5,478	4,064	3,510

*Incomplete.
†Three boxes not yet heard from will increase Padgett's plurality over Boyd in Hickman to 400.

twenty-five corpses had been recovered by the life-saving crew, many of them women; that many other bodies were floating and they were using every endeavor to get them all out.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Lifted Bodily From the Track—One Killed, Many Injured.

HOUSTON, TEX., Sept. 8.—The Santa Fe train, which left here at 7:05 Saturday night, was wrecked at a point about two miles north of Alvin. Mrs. Prather, of Rosenberg, Tex., was killed and several were injured. The train was running slowly when it encountered the heavy storm. It is reported that the train was literally lifted from the track. Mrs. Prater was thrown across the car and half way through a window. When the car was removed it was found that her head had been under water and she was drowned.

Estimates Loss at 2,000.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Sept. 9.—The following telegram just received from Houston by the News:

"Relief train just returned. They could not get closer than six miles of Virginia Point, where the prairie was covered with lumber, debris, pianos, trunks and dead bodies. Two hundred corpses were counted from the train. A large steamer is stranded two miles this side of Virginia Point, as well as this side of a tidal wave, though thrown up by a tidal wave. Nothing can be seen of Galveston."

Two men were picked up who floated across to the mainland, who say they estimate the loss of life up to the time they left at 2000."

The above message is addressed to Superintendent F. H. Dixon, Dallas, and comes from Mr. Vaughan, manager of the Western Union office at Houston.

The Voice of Experience.

"Say, conductor, have I time to bid my wife goodbye?"
"Dunno—depends on how long you're married!"



Prevented by warm champane with CORCORA SOAP, and light dressings of CORCORA, purst of excellent skin cures. This treatment at once stops falling hair, clears the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, soothes irritated, itching surfaces, stimulates the hair follicles, and makes the hair grow upon a clean, wholesome, healthy scalp when all else fails.